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#### **Current Actions**

- **Sampling of water and sediment in the San Juan River, at five sampling locations on the Navajo Nation, were conducted on 3 Sep, with one sampling team. No further sampling is scheduled, pending arrangement of force protection.**
- **There are no pending requests for alfalfa delivery and none are scheduled. EPA's letter to the NN President indicates that requests for hay delivery on the NN will be accepted until 9 September. We will communicate this separately to the NN EOC.**
- **All water tanks have been inspected and sampled. Five water tanks are being demobilized and removed from the NN on 4 September. These include four empty tanks and tank #31L.**
- **The other six livestock water tanks will remain in place, as they still contain water. OSC Dunkelman recommends that we communicate to the NN EOC that we expect demobilization of the remaining tanks to begin on or around 18 September. This should be sufficient time for the water in those tanks to be used for livestock watering.**
- **The incident command operation in Farmington, NM has been consolidated back with the newly organized incident command in Durango, CO. All field operations will be handled out of the Durango ICP. This will include stabilization and water treatment at the GKM and sampling in each region. Pete Guria remains as deputy incident commander until 8 September. Pete G will be replaced as DIC by Tom Dunkelman. The Durango ICP will fill the sampling group supervisor position in the Operations Section. RPM Mark Ripperda will be our liaison with the NN EOC in Window Rock, starting 8 September.**
- **It is raining in Durango today and the rain could cause some upset/discoloration of water in upstream areas near the mine site. Durango ICP does not expect the rain to impact downstream areas.**
- **We sent the BIA a revised Emergency Funding Authorization that would cover retroactive reimbursement of their livestock water delivery services, from 14 August to 28 August. The EFA ceiling is \$815,000. BIA can then provide documentation of their costs and begin to draw down money via the EFA, to be reimbursed for their services. Calvin Terrada spoke to Derrith Watchman-Moore in the evening on 3 September to let her know that the EFA had been sent.**
- **A 3 region action memo has been drafted and is circulating for comment. OGC maintains that a 3 regions MOA is needed but maybe just having all three RAs sign the action memo, along with AA OSWER, would be sufficient.**
- **We have not heard anything further from FEMA about FEMA's response to the Navajo Nation President about appointing a disaster recovery coordinator.**

#### **Personnel On-Site in the Durango, CO Incident Command Post**

**1 R9 OSC 1 R9 Supervisor 2 START Contractors**

#### **Staffing in Region 9 EOC, San Francisco**

**Area commander, planning section, finance section, resources unit and environmental unit are staffed. Josie Clark and Calvin Terada from Region 10 are demobilizing and returning home on 4 September. We are most sorry to see them go; Region 10's help, as our backup region has been invaluable, for area command, planning and finance. Jennifer Johnson, finance section chief from R10, is staying with us until 9/16**

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